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SUBJ: PRES KAUNDA'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S INDEPENDENCE
DAY MESSAGE

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1. THE MESSAGE GIVEN BELOW IS FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA
TO PRESIDENT FORD AND RESPONDS TO PRESIDENT FORD'S
INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE (REFTEL (A)). ORIGINAL IS BEING
POUCHED.

2. "OCTOBER 24TH, 1976

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

"I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON OUR
CELEBRATION OF THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE.
I WAS GREATLY TOUCHED BY YOUR KIND SENTIMENTS WHICH CAN
ONLY PROVIDE FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT TO US ON THIS
HAPPY OCCASION.

"WE BELIEVE TOO, THAT WE CELEBRATE 12 YEARS AT A TIME OF
CONSIDERABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE REALISATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN THOSE AREAS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WHERE THESE HAVE
BEEN DENIED BY MINORITY REGIMES. YOUR KIND REFERENCE TO
OUR CONTRIBUTION IN BRINGING ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES IS
GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE

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THE SACRIFICES BECAUSE THESE ARE COMPATIBLE WITH OUR

BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS UNDER THE PHILOSOPHY OF
HUMANISM. OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN
EQUALITY IS UNEQUIVOCAL AND FIRM. IN THIS WE ARE
GRATEFUL TO KNOW THAT WE CAN RELY ON THE SUPPORT AND
ENCOURAGEMENT OF FRIENDS.

"AS WE MOVE THEREFORE, INTO THE 13TH YEAR OF ZAMBIA'S
INDEPENDENCE AND INDEZR AS WE FACE THE FUTURE AHEAD,
IT IS OUR HOPE THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL GROW AND THAT
OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE COMMON
ENDEAVORS IN THE STRUGGLE TO REALISE RACIAL JUSTICE
NOT ONLY IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF AFRICA BUT ELSEWHERE
IN THE WORLD.

"I THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL
MESSAGE."

"YOURS SINCERELY,

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA"

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